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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Universal Service Contribution Methodology, WC Dkt 06-112
Federal State Board on Universal Service, CC Dkt 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On Tuesday, August 5, 2008, the USF by the Numbers Coalition met with Amy Bender on FCC Chairman Martin's staff to discuss the importance of adopting a numbers-based contribution mechanism for collecting universal service funds. The meeting included Mary Henze and Mike Tan of AT&T, Kathy Grillo of Verizon, Paul Garnett of CTIA - The Wireless Association, David Cohen of USTelecom, Diane Clark of IDT (by phone), Harold Furchtgott-Roth, and the undersigned. The USF by the Numbers Coalition includes AT&T, CTIA-The Wireless Association, GCI, IDT, Megapath, the National Cable and Telecommunications Association (NCTA), USTelecom, Verizon, and the VON Coalition. The Coalition members discussed how a numbers-based system would benefit both consumers and the industry. For instance, the group suggested that a numbers-based system would be easier to administer, would provide certainty to consumers, and would stabilize funding for the Universal Service Fund.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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